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Sharon, Pa., Dec. 11.—An explosion that shook the earth for miles around shattered windows in hundreds of houses at South Sharon, moved adjacent buildings from their foundations and caused the injury of nine men, two perhaps fatally, occurred at the Sharon Steel Co.'s plant Tuesday. Out of the nine men injured four were taken to the hospital. They are:

Michael Howard, burned about head, one arm broken at elbow, serious. Michael Barquerich, burned about head, painful. Edward Altman, head, face and body burned, will probably die. Cassius Truxall, compound fracture left arm, serious. The other five men were taken to their homes in South Sharon.

The explosion occurred in the casting department of the "pig mill." The metal was being poured from the ladle into the casting machine when it came in contact with some water which caused a blast that was felt a great distance. The casting house was completely wrecked. Large strips of heavy corrugated iron beams and other materials were hurled hundreds of yards by the explosion. The casting machine and conveyor were damaged almost beyond repair. A part of the conveyor was blown several hundred feet, while not a vestige of the iron roof of the mill remains. Windows in the office of the steel company on Broadway, several hundred yards away from the explosion, were broken, and in Sharon and South Sharon the shock was felt like an earthquake.

UNKNOWN TO THE MINERS.

An Abundance of Platinum Found Among the Millions of Dollars of Yukon Gold.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—D. C. Hurter, dominion government metallurgist of Vancouver, is responsible for the statement that among the millions of dollars of Yukon gold brought to him for purchase by the government this season was an abundance of platinum unknown to the miners. Hundreds of little nuggets of platinum were mixed with the coarse gold. Mr. Hurter gave it as his opinion that the miners of the Yukon are throwing away thousands of dollars worth of platinum daily. The dominion government is now sending an expert to the Klondike to investigate.

MURDER OR SUICIDE?

Two Brothers, One Formerly a Priest, Found Dead in Their Bed in a Room of Filth at Boston.

Boston, Dec. 11.—Maurice Fitzgerald and his brother, Edward Fitzgerald, were found dead in bed Tuesday in a room of filth. A diligent search by the police fails to show whether it was a case of murder or suicide or suicide by each. Both bodies were fully attired. Maurice was a priest 15 years ago in Boston and was excommunicated by Archbishop Williams, having been condemned for violation of his priestly vows.

The McKinley Death Mask.

Washington, Dec. 11.—E. L. A. Pausch, the Buffalo sculptor, brought to the white house Tuesday the death mask of the late President McKinley, which was taken almost immediately after his demise. The mask has not yet been shown to the public. It is expected it will be donated to the government and deposited in the Smithsonian institute. It is said it is a remarkably faithful likeness of the late president.

Rolandow Challenges Sandow.

New York, Dec. 11.—Rolandow, who issued a challenge some time ago to Sandow for a weight lifting contest for the championship of the world, renewed the challenge. Rolandow says that he would be willing to give his share of the purse to charity or that he would meet Sandow in private for \$10,000 a side.

Took Strychnine.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 11.—Because her sweetheart's love had grown cold, Fannie Huntley, 18 years old, daughter of Joseph Huntley, a prosperous citizen of Carbon county, took a dose of strychnine that resulted in almost instant death.

Brazilian Delegate Dead.

Mexico City, Dec. 11.—Jose Hyginio Duarte Pereira, delegate of Brazil to the Pan-American conference, died Tuesday afternoon at 4:20 o'clock from pneumonia complicated with heart trouble.

A Capital Offense.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 11.—Senator Shands, in the legislature Tuesday, introduced a bill making any attempt upon the life of the governor of Virginia a capital offense.

PERMANENTLY ESTABLISHED.

The American Federation of the Catholic Societies Organized at the Convention in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Dec. 11.—The American Federation of Catholic societies is now permanently established. At the sessions of the first day of its initial convention no opposition to the confederation was manifested. On the contrary the attendance, unanimity of opinion and enthusiasm of all present in the new organization surpassed all expectations.

In his discourse in the morning at St. Peter's cathedral, Dr. J. M. Lavelle, rector of St. Patrick's cathedral, New York, eloquently sounded the keynote in favor of the federation. He was followed by Archbishop Elder in one of the most vigorous addresses that venerable prelate has made for years. Archbishop Elder discussed the need of unity of action as well as of purpose and predicted great results in the future by the union of Catholic organizations.

Prof. Anthony Matre, president of the Cincinnati federation, Gov. Nash, Mayor Fleischman, T. B. Minahan, president of the Ohio federation, President Freiss, Vice President Fitzgerald and others were all most enthusiastic in their speeches at the opening of the convention in the Auditorium, predicting good results for society and the country, the address of Gov. Nash being repeatedly cheered as he referred to the good work of the church for law and order and for the suppression of anarchy.

AN UNUSUAL CRIME.

Ben Milam, Colored, Arrested on the Charge of Kidnaping Negroes and Selling Them as Slaves.

Decatur, Ala., Dec. 11.—Ben Milam, colored, an ex-slave of Lawrence county, is under arrest charged with an unusual crime. It is alleged that Milam has for some time been engaged in kidnaping Negroes and selling them as slaves to the white manager of a Tennessee river island plantation, some miles below Decatur. It is said Milam would induce Negroes to accompany him to the island with the promise of securing positions for them on the plantation at good wages, and that when they reached there he would sell them in bondage, and, being confined within the stockade, escape was impossible and their relatives could never ascertain their whereabouts.

It is said that a young Negro who recently escaped from the island told the story and caused the arrest of Ben Milam. He reports that a kidnaped Negro has been confined on this island as a slave for seven years.

CONFLAGRATION IN A MINE.

Fifteen Men at Work When the Fire Broke Out, Hoisted to the Surface With Difficulty.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 11.—Fire broke out in the big Lick mine near Lykens Monday night and is still raging. Fifteen men were working in the mine when the fire was discovered. They crowded into a car which was hoisted to the surface through a wall of fire. None of them were injured. Twenty mules were either roasted alive or suffocated by smoke and gas. A steam pump was gotten in operation Tuesday and the mine is being flooded to prevent the flames from spreading. The mine is operated by the Lykens Valley Coal Co., and is one of the most productive in the Lykens region. It is believed the fire was started by incendiaries, as it broke out in a portion that has not been worked for some time. A large number of men and boys have been thrown out of work by the conflagration.

FOUR SEAMEN DROWNED.

They Belonged to the Norwegian Steamer Ella, Which Was Disabled Near Halifax, N. S.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 11.—Four seamen thought to belong to the Norwegian steamer Ella lost their lives in an attempt to reach shore for assistance when the Ella, which was bound from Burnt Bay, N. F., to this city, lost her propeller off Scatterie Island. A high sea was running and the men soon became exhausted and a sea filled the boat in which they tried to reach land. One by one they sank until but one remained. He reached the shores of Mainland Tuesday.

Fatal Saloon Row.

Mangum, Okla., Dec. 11.—Bert Ardy was killed, Garrett Thurman was shot in the back and may die, and L. S. McDonald was shot in the left shoulder in a saloon row in the village of Port, Washita county. The men had taunted the bartender, Sam Pepper, one of them jumping upon the bar when he opened fire.

Death of Judge R. W. Hughes.

Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 11.—Judge R. W. Hughes died Tuesday at his home near Abingdon, Va. He was a leader in republican politics in Virginia and for several years a federal district attorney and later a federal judge. He was once defeated for governor of Virginia. He fought two duels during his career.

Killed Her With An Ax.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 11.—Arthur Price, a Negro, captured in Monroe county and brought to Macon jail Tuesday, has confessed to having murdered Mrs. R. J. Roland in South Macon last Wednesday. He knocked her down with his fist and then struck her with an ax.

SPANISH CLAIMS.

The Report From the Commission Showing the Progress Made Sent to the Senate.

494 CLAIMS WERE PRESENTED.

An Inadequate Provision For the Protection of the Interests of the Government.

There Are, All Told, 127 Attorneys Engaged in the Prosecution of the Demands Which Aggregate \$60,158,878.

Washington, Dec. 11.—A report from the Spanish claims commission showing the progress made was presented to the senate Tuesday. It includes a memorandum from the chairman of the commission, Hon. W. E. Chandler, in which he makes complaint of the inadequate provision for the protection of the interests of the government in the investigation of these claims. He says that the commission last April made, through the president, requests for assistance from the departments of justice, war and state, asking that the last mentioned department make an effort to secure the cooperation of the Spanish government in investigating the claims, but the information has not been forthcoming.

Mr. Chandler gives the number of claims as 494, the aggregate amount asked being \$60,158,878. There are, all told, 127 attorneys engaged in their prosecution, and some of them have been preparing their cases since 1895. For the defense there is one assistant attorney general, with two or three special assistants. "But," says Mr. Chandler, "they have been without any funds with which to make special preliminary investigations absolutely necessary prior to filing demurrers or answers and proceeding to meet, in the taking of testimony and in the arguing and submitting of the cases to the commission, the fully informed, well equipped and formidable corps of 127 counsel employed by the claimants."

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Woburn and Chelsea, Mass., Changes From No License to License—Newburyport Voted No License.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 11.—Republicans in Massachusetts were not quite as successful in the 18 city elections held Tuesday as they were in the 14 held last week, for, although they carried 11 to the democrats four, the other three being non-partisan contests, three republican mayors were defeated, while the party suffered almost a rout in this city. In Worcester, Mayor O'Connell, a democrat, was defeated. In Woburn, Mayor Peeney defeated the pro no license, and the city changed from no license to license. In Chelsea, where the republicans swept the city, there was a change from no license to license for the first time in 11 years. In Newburyport, where license has had a firm hold for 20 years, the city voted no by over 300 majority.

INSANE PREACHER'S ACT.

Rev. John Kinnuen, of Copper Falls, Mich., Murdered His Wife and Children and Suicided.

Houghton, Mich., Dec. 11.—Rev. John Kinnuen, minister of the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran church, at Copper Falls, Kewano county, murdered his wife and two children and committed suicide Monday night. Kinnuen had brooded over the death of a son until Monday night and became violently insane. He first cut his wife's throat with a butcher knife and then killed his two younger sons with it. The oldest boy, aged 13, escaped. After killing his wife and two sons, Kinnuen fired the house and cut his own throat. The flames were easily extinguished.

First Civilian Commission.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Judge Chas. H. Darling, who will succeed Frank Hackett December 17 as assistant secretary of the navy, will receive the first civilian commission ever issued by the navy department. The resignation of Assistant Secretary Hackett takes effect December 16.

Price of Gas Reduced.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 11.—As a result of much local agitation the city council Tuesday night amended the existing ordinance so as to require the gas company to deliver fuel and illuminating gas at 70 cents per 1,000 feet. At present the price of illuminating gas is \$1, and of fuel gas 90 cents.

The fastest Maiden Trip.

New Orleans, Dec. 11.—The new Morgan line steamship El Sigle, Capt. R. B. Quick, which arrived Tuesday morning from New York, made the fastest maiden trip ever made by any vessel from dock to dock by 35 minutes.

Driven Insane By Hypnotism.

Stamford, Ct., Dec. 11.—Stephen Blazey, a Hungarian cabinet maker, was placed under a hypnotic spell in a saloon recently, and is demented now. He raves continually about the incident.

Morgan Buying Iron Mines.

Christiana, Dec. 11.—According to the Dagbladet, J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York, is buying iron mines at Salton.

FIRE IN A CHICAGO SCHOOL.

The Coolness of Ethel Barker, Aged 13, Averted a Panic and the Scholars Marched Out in Safety.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—While clouds of smoke filled the hallways from a fierce fire which raged in the basement of the Lincoln school Monday Ethel Barker, 13 years old, sat at a piano in the main corridor upstairs and played a lively two-step for the 300 children to keep time by while marching out of the burning building. Miss Barker did not cease playing until the last child had left the building, and when she tried to escape she was twice driven back by clouds of dense smoke, which by that time rolled through the corridors. She finally reached a door and went to the first floor by groping along the walls and along the stair banisters.

When the girl volunteered to play the march she was the only pupil who knew the building was on fire, for she had heard the whispered announcement that preceded the ringing of the fire drill gong. When the gong sounded she ran from the eighth grade room and began to play. As a result of her coolness all the children were taken out safely, although a panic was narrowly averted when they reached the lower floor and found the building was on fire.

FACE TO FACE DUEL.

Two Prominent Naval Stores Manufacturers Killed at Zolfo, Fla., in a Fight.

Zolfo, Fla., Dec. 11.—G. L. Powell, and J. S. Overstreet, both prominent naval stores manufacturers, shot and killed each other in a face to face duel Tuesday. Overstreet went to Powell's turpentine still, nine miles west of here, to see about some hands. The two men had some words and both drew their revolvers and commenced firing. From what facts are at present obtainable, both men emptied their revolvers without doing any damage. Powell then went into the house and came out with a rifle. Both fired together and each fell. Overstreet was shot in the forehead and Powell just below the heart. Overstreet was killed instantly and Powell lived only an hour. Powell was one of the largest operators and owners of turpentine lands in Florida.

BRITISH BARK WRECKED.

Seven of the Crew Lost Their Lives at the Mouth of Raft River, North of Gray's Harbor.

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 11.—Details are just at hand of the accident last Wednesday night which resulted in the death of seven members of the crew of the British bark Pimmore, bound from Santa Rosalia, Mex., to Portland. The Pimmore went into the surf at the mouth of Raft river, north of Gray's harbor. The crew of 39 abandoned the ship and took to the boats, one of which was capsized shortly after leaving the vessel, and six men drowned. The other boat reached shore safely after being out for 35 hours. One man died from exposure.

Commission Firm Failed.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 11.—The commission firm of H. R. Penny & Co., with offices in the board of trade building, closed their doors Tuesday morning. The branch offices in Sioux City, Lincoln, Beatrice, Fremont, Columbus and Syracuse, Neb., also closed. H. R. Penny said that the firm had suffered losses of over \$40,000 during the recent bull movement in wheat, but that his customers would be paid in full.

THE MARKETS.

Flour and Grain. Cincinnati, Dec. 10.—Flour—Winter patent, \$3.75@4; fancy, \$3.55@3.70; family, \$3.25@3.50; extra, \$2.65@2.90; low grade, \$2.50@2.60; spring patent, \$4.40@4.20; fancy, \$3.35@3.55; family, \$3.10@3.15; Northwestern rye, \$3.15@3.25. Wheat—No. 2 red nominal at 89c. Corn—No. 2 mixed, 71½c. Oats—Sales: No. 2 white, track, 51½c. Chicago, Dec. 10.—Wheat—December, 77½c; May, 81½c@83c; July, 81½c@82c. Corn—December, 64c; May, 67½c@68c; July, 67½c@67½c. Oats—December, 45½c; May, 46c@46½c; July, 40½c@41c.

Live Stock.

Cincinnati, Dec. 10.—Cattle—Shippers, \$4.90@6; butcher steers, good to choice, \$4.65@5.15; heifers, good to choice, \$3.85@4.25; cows, good to choice, \$3.50@4. Calves—Extra, \$5.25@5.50; fair to good, \$4.50@5. Hogs—Selected heavy shippers, \$6.30@6.35; good to choice packers and butchers, \$6.20@6.25; mixed packers, \$5.90@6.15; light shippers, \$5.25@5.70; pigs, 110 lbs and less, \$4.25@5.20. Sheep—Extra, \$3@3.15; few tops, \$3.25; good to choice, \$2.40@2.90. Lambs—Good to choice, \$4.40@4.50; a few, \$4.60.

Indianapolis, Dec. 10.—Cattle—Fair to medium export steers, \$5.25@5.75; good to prime butcher steers, \$4.75@5.25; good to choice feeding, \$3.75@4.25; fair to good feeders, \$3.75@4.25; light stockers, \$3@3.50; fair to good cows, \$2.75@3.75. Hogs—Choice medium to heavy, \$6@6.20; mixed heavy packing, \$5.60@6; choice light weights, \$5.65@5.80; pigs, \$4@4.50; Sheep—Choice, \$2.50@3.25. Lambs—Choice, \$4@4.60.

East Buffalo, Dec. 10.—Cattle—Steady at yesterday's prices. Hogs—Yorkers, \$5.90@6; light, \$5.80@5.90; pigs generally, \$5.50; mixed packers and mediums, \$6@6.20; heavy, \$6.25@6.30. Sheep and Lambs—Top lambs, \$4.80@4.90; bulk, \$4.80@4.85; others, \$3.50@4.75; sheep, mixed culls to good, \$1.75@3.50; wethers and yearlings, \$3.50@3.80; choice yearlings, \$4.

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